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by Frank Whitworth

WHERE ARE YOU?

In the past several months I have run requests for help in gathering the news that goes in *Ground Zero News* and help with selling ads and making the paper more financially solvent.

It is the desire of the Board of Ground Zero to continue the growth and service of the newspaper. We would like to see it expand into wider areas of the community.

Among the areas in which we have sought assistance have been:

1. An about-the-town reporter/page editor who gathers information, writes stories and is editor of a page devoted to activities around town that would be of interest to the gay community. In addition to gay activities, general reports on theatre, movies, food/restaurants and other cultural matters would well fit this page. Reviews would also be appropriate. And, if you like, we'll teach you enough desktop publishing to allow you to design the page. We thought this would be the easy one to fill. No applicants as yet!!!

2. A page editor for the "All The News That's Queer to Print" feature. All this person has to do is to monitor some on-line news services and keep their ears to the ground and gather news of interest to gays and lesbians from around the world for reporting in a digest format. If this person would like, we would be happy to teach him or her to lay out the page in Quark Xpress themselves, giving them complete control over the page.

3. Someone who is a saleman at heart is needed to coordinate *Ground Zero News*. This is an all-in-one position that requires phone sales and follow up ability. All of the calls will be warm (no cold calls) and should be comfortable to make. Follow up of renewals and billing will also be part of the process. This can be a 100% at home project if one wishes, as can all of the above.

Each and every ad that is bought in *Ground Zero News* frees funds that are being expended on its production from general funds for more community projects. If we could make *GZN* self sufficient, there would be $8,000 a year that could be spent elsewhere.

Many people have said to us in the past that if there were only something that could be done at home.

WELL, THERE IS. In fact in addition to the above, there's one more. Someone is needed to take charge of the Calendar of Events--collecting the various schedules for groups and organizations and entering them in the calendar format late in the month, just before deadline, allowing for late rising events to be included.

And finally, believing that there are many good ideas out there, we invited proposals for other areas that you would like to see in the paper and of which you are willing to take charge.

How many sugggestions have come in????? NONE!!.

The truth is, the work of putting out the quality paper that *Ground Zero News* has become requires an enormous amount of time just as it is now--without growth and improvment. Without any expansion, help is needed. If it's not forthcoming, instead of expansion, we may need to cut back. (Lan, don't I remember you saying you might do that theatre thing???)

Call me at 635-6086. Your help is needed NOW.

NOW FOR THE NEWS

State Senator Tebedo Has Respect for SovereignMovement

Senator Maryann Tebedo is reported to have said she respects the Sovereign movement's efforts to reform government.

This would seem to be tacit approval of their methods, that include non-payment of taxes, issuing of bogus checks to pay debts, refusal to have driver's licenses, refusing to have license plates on their cars, refusal to honor court summons, placement of false lien's on private property, arming to resist the governemnt, etc.

Tebedo justifies her endorsement by saying that "...these people are not kooks. They have educated themselves on the issues and studied the laws. That takes a lot of time and dedication."

Tebedo's daughter, Linda, a self-professed Sovereign, served (and may still be serving) time in jail for failure to answer a warrant on a traffic offense. When in jail, she refused to identify herself, be fingerprinted and photographed and she refused to be bailed out.

I am moved to ask the illustrious Senator if she is counseling people to break the law, not pay taxes, issue bad checks, etc? If she is, does she see any conflict in endorsing such and in taking her oath of office that, among other things, requires her to support the laws of the state and the nation? Should the legislalture remove her for this violation of her oath?

HOLLYWOOD

Recently I watched a special on PBS called "Hollywood versus Religion." The "documentary" styled vehicle proved to be just what I expected---a propaganda piece for Religious Political Extremists.

My first clue should have been its total lack of any ownership at the beginning of the program. And, in conclusion, the only ownership was "Funded by the Chatham Foundation."

What came between these two was pure extreme right visions of that devil, HOLLYWOOD.

The entire narration was designed to show that movies before the sixties always treated religion and religious characters with respect and in a positive light. This in contrast to the scandalous treatment of these subjects in recent years.

Ignoring all of the positive roles and story lines about religion, this program picks out every negative reference to these subjects and plays it up as representative of all Hollywood presentations.

I submit that what is bothering these far right detrators is that Hollywood is showing a true picture of religion and religious figures; a picture that both mirrors its good and its bad. Hollywood no longer feels a requirement that it present only a glorified fantasy about these subjects.

For decades, Hollywood helped develop the stereotype of Gays and Lesbians, always presenting us as those characters; never showing us in any other way.

Today, there are actually movies in which gays are not blithering idiots, vampires and child molestors. There are actually movies in which we may even reflect some semblance of "normalcy" or even, dare I say it, may reflect us in a very positive light.

Both of these representaitons are truthful. Because one calls himself (or herself) religious--or because something is called a religion does not make them perfect, above reproach, unquestionable, and inately good.

And the same can be said of gays and lesbians, who are not made inately evil by their sexual oreintation. We are no more child molestors, perverts and idiots than are the rest of the population--which considering the record of the rest of the population may give more than I had intended.

There are good gays and bad gays and there are good religious people and there are bad ones. Period.

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QUOTABLES

"It is only of homosexual persons that we require universal celibacy, whereas for others we teach that celibacy is a special vocation. We say that sexual orientation is morally a matter of indifference, but what is culpable are homosexual acts. But then we claim that sexuality is a divine gift, which [when?] used properly, helps us to become more fully human and akin really to God, as it is this part of our humanity that makes us more gentle and caring, more self-giving and concerned for others than we would be without that gift. Why should we want all homosexual persons not to give expression to their sexuality in loving acts? Why don't we use the same criteria to judge same-sex relationships that we use to judge whether heterosexual relationships are wholesome or not?"

---Bishop Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Capetown

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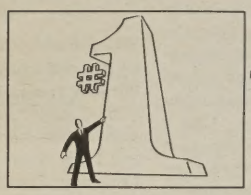

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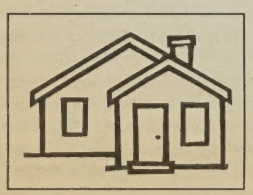

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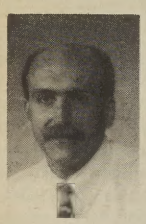

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WITNESS THE QUILT

The ***NAMES Project,*** in conjunction with the ***Southern Colorado AIDS project (SCAP),*** presents The **AIDS Quilt at City Auditorium, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, MAY 16, 17 and 18, 1996. Opening ceremonies begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, open till 9:00 p.m., Friday hours are 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday hours are 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. with closing ceremonies at 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.**

Come witness the event that gave a voice to this disease and a memorial to those who suffered and died waiting for its cure. Come witness the Quilt.

Below is a brief history of the Quilt's origins.

1992 March on Washington Smithsonian Archives. "Quilt"

BIRTH OF A QUILT

by Julie Cooper

To make sense out of insanity, create something beautiful out of pain and tragedy, to tap into the soul-force that drives humans to survive in the face of incredible odds, requires that the human spirit believe in legacies left behind to be learned from and hopes for a better future, both in this life and beyond.

Frieda Kohla painted beauty and joy while bedridden in searing pain; Walt Whitman wrote immortal prose from his troubled life; and the NAMES Project lovingly created the AIDS Quilt out of the fear, pain and sorrow that this terrible disease sews into its victims and their loved ones.

The idea for the NAMES Project originated on a rainy evening on November 19, 1985, during a candlelight march and vigil to commemorate the murders of San Francisco's finest politicians: Mayor George Moscone and Harvey Milk, the first openly gay city supervisor.

As thousands of mourners passed by San Francisco's old Federal Building, they carefully mounted on its outside, in the fashion of a quilt, cardboard placards bearing tributes to loved-ones who had died of AIDS.

"It was such a startling image," remembers Cleve Jones, San Francisco gay activist. "The wind and the rain tore some of the cardboard names loose, but people stood there for hours reading names. I knew then that we needed a monument, a memorial."

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Today there are 389 NAMES Projects in the U.S. and 32 independent Quilt initiatives from around the world. Since 1987, about 5.5 million people have visited the Quilt in thousands of displays around the country. Through such displays, the Names Project Foundation has raises $1,600,000 for AIDS service organizatations throughout North America.

FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE QUILT

as of October, 1995

* AIDS is the leading cause of death among Americans ages 25-44.
* Over 5.7 million people have seen the Quilt to date.
* The size of the quilt measures 13 acres without a walkway, equivalent to 12 football fields, and 20 acres with a walkways, equivalent to 18 football fields.
* The Quilt weighs 36 tons without walkways, 41 tons with walkways.
* 39 countries have contributed panels to the Quilt.
* Names you may recognize who have panels who have died of AIDS: **Peter Allen**, entertainer; **Arthur Ash,** tennis pro; **Perry Ellis**, fashion designer; **Wayland Flowers**, comedian; **Alison Gertz,** AIDS activist; **Halston**, fashion designer; **Rock Hudson**, actor, **Liberace**, concert pianist and performer; **Stewart McKinney,** congressman; **Freddie "Mecury" Bulsara,** lead singer of rock group *QUEEN*; **Rudolph Nureyev,** ballet dancer; **Anthony Perkins**, actor; **Robert Reed**, actor; **Jerry Smith,** Washington Redskins; **Dr. Tom Waddell,** Olympic athlete; **Ryan White,** AIDS activist; **Ricky Wilson**, guitarist with the B-52's.
* Of the 40,000 - 50,000 new HIV infections incurring in the United States in 1994, one in two happened to someone who is 25 years or younger, one in four happened to someone 20 years old or younger;
* The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that two women are infected with HIV every minute.
* 3,000 women are infected with HIV each day, 500 women die from AIDS each day. Worldwide, women are the fastest growing growing group of new HIV infections.
* According to WHO, 1,025,073 cumulative AIDS cases in adults and children have been reported worldwide as of December 31, 1994. WHO estimates the actual number of cases to be 4.5 million, and that 3 million people worldwide have died of AIDS.

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QUEER REVIEWS

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POETRY

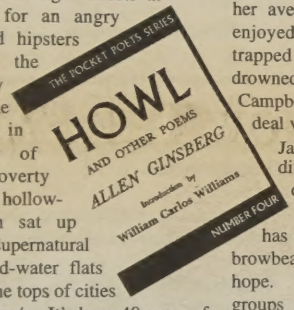
Plush

ed. by Lynn Crosbie and Michael Holmes
Coach House 1995 $14.95

Each poet in this collection, Sky Gilbert, Courtney McFarlane, Jeffrey Conway, R.M. Vaughn, and David Trinidad, was chosen by the editors because of their commanding public poetry performances. Fortunately for queer poetry lovers, this collection of poems works on the page. Except for being undeniably contemporary poets, there is little else in common between the five poets in this collection. They hail from Canada and the United States. They are black and white. They are sad, angry, boisterous, funny, lusty and loving. Some, like David Trinidad, have been widely published, others like Sky Gilbert less widely read. What unites these poets is a zest for the language and the fun of reading each poet's work out loud.
—Lee Hanson

Howl and Other Poems

40th Aniv. Commemorative Edition
by Allen Ginsberg
City Lights Books 1956, '59, 96 $12.95



It's been 40 years of "I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness, starving hysterical naked,/dragging themselves through the negro streets at dawn looking for an angry fix,/angelheaded hipsters burning for the ancient heavenly connection to the starry dynamo in the machinery of night,/who poverty and tatters and hollow-eyed and high sat up smoking in the supernatural darkness of cold-water flats floating across the tops of cities contemplating jazz/... It's been 40 years of lawsuits and repression in this "land of the free" to prevent people from hearing this poem. It's been 40 years of great, funny, odd, and important poetry from Ginsberg. It's time to discover or rediscover this seminal little book of very big poetry.
—Lee Hanson

The Badboy Book of Erotic Poetry

ed by David Laurents
Badboy 1995 $5.95

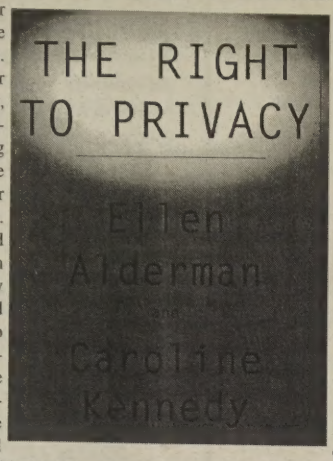
Our Own can't print some of these poems. That's how good they are. Hard and hot stuff to savor when the Falcon boys on the glass teat all begin to look the same. Laurents has collected both new and classic erotic poems from the best gay poets of today and yesterday. Literate porn-stars (Scott O'Hara), queer scholars (Ian Young), prize winners (Mark Doty), McCarther Genius Award winners (Thom Gunn), and 46 other poets were selected for this collection.

Interestingly, Auden is not included because his estate and publisher refused to grant reprint rights for his "A Day For A Lay." Laurents gets back playfully at the curmudgeons in an astute and humorous opening essay. Many poems in this collection rival any movie for erection generation potential. Erotica and poetry lovers will enjoy *The Badboy Book of Erotic Poetry*.
—Lee Hanson

LAW/POLITICS

The Right to Privacy

by Ellen Alderman and Caroline Kennedy
Knopf 1995 $26.95



Americans have had to fight in the courts to have or maintain a right to privacy since the word is never mentioned in the US Constitution. Unfortunately our right to privacy, and even the possibility of expecting that we can have privacy, are under attack constantly. Alderman and Kennedy present an exhaustive study about the myriad ways our "right" to privacy is threatened. Although the text covers significant law cases, the authors are careful to maintain readability while conveying a great deal of information.

Gay's privacy rights are not the focus in *The Right to Privacy* , but the significant gay court cases are discussed. Given how important privacy is to gay people, this is an indispensable book. Alderman and Kennedy forcefully drive home how important it is to care for and shepherd our rights in a country where "justice for all" is honored more in the breach.
—Lee Hanson

FICTION

Fighting for Air

by Marsha Mildon
New Victoria Publishers 1996 $10.95

Cal Meredith is the newest lesbian dick on the block. Cal starts out trying to conquer her aversion to scuba diving. She had enjoyed the sport until her lover was trapped in a collapsed shipwreck and drowned as Cal tried to free her. Jay Campbell, a friend of hers, has helped Cal deal with the loss and fear.

Jay takes a class out for an open water dive but things go awry. A student drowns and Jay gets indicted. Cal works to clear Jay, with whom she has fallen in love. Jay, who has been browbeaten by the police has given up hope. Cal encounters several unsavory groups and is brutally attacked. She is undeterred and eventually arrives at the only possible explanation.

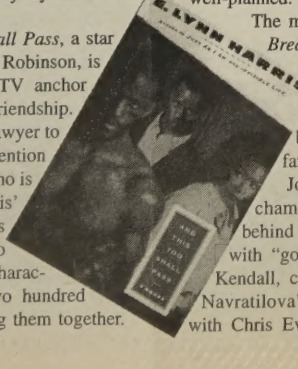
Mildon takes on several issues of the day and combines them in a way that keeps the reader guessing. Cal doesn't save Jay at the trial; Jay goes to prison. We see the changes in the psyche of this once-confident woman. Mildon has made Cal a very believable character. She is not a gorgeous, fearless, gun-packing superdyke; she is human with fears and problems. Though there is a "happy ending,' it is bittersweet. We know that people have suffered and "happily ever after" takes a great deal of love, healing and hard work.
—Ravigo Zomana

And This Too Shall Pass

E. Lynn Harris
Doubleday 1995 $23.95

One co-worker of mine couldn't wait to borrow my copy of And This Too Shall Pass; he broke down and bought the hardcover himself. There are probably several hundred thousand equally loyal fans. I'm not one of them.

In *And This Too Shall Pass*, a star football player, Zurich Robinson, is accused of raping a TV anchor after he rejects her friendship. Robinson gets both a lawyer to defend him and the attention of a gay newsperson who is hot for Robinson. Harris' ability to write dialog is quite good. Harris also features well-crafted characters but he spends two hundred some-odd pages putting them together. Other writers' character development can be decent reading but Harris dwells on the type of minutiae that may sparkle during afternoon coffee-talk but gets downright dull in a novel.



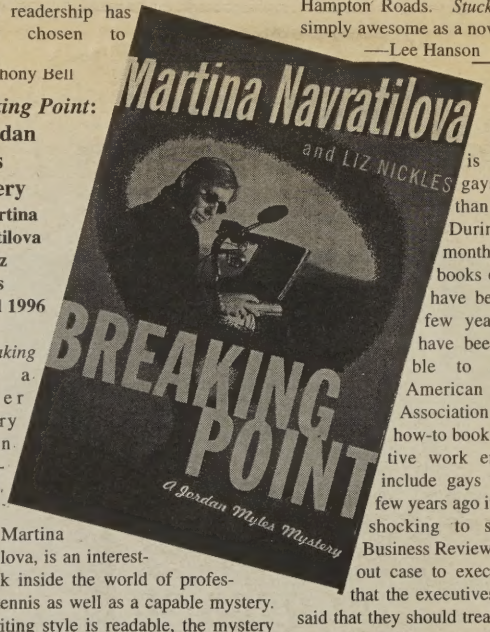
Worse, Harris' prose is uninspired and often unforgivable poor, a problem I think he'd have addressed since *Just As I Am*. No pressure Mr. Harris, but Baldwin — or Hurston or Hemphill — could have written half a page about a red brick wall and brought folks to tears. Your literary ancestors are spinning in their graves.

More frustrating than Harris' seeming refusal to enroll in an advanced composition class is his outright refusal to question any of what it means to be black and/or upwardly mobile and/or queer. Like a Hollywood film, he recreates the present in his own image to suit his self-absorbed characters and his apparently easy-to-please readership. This would be fine if it weren't such a waste of Mr. Harris' insight and if the whole process weren't so unrewarding for his readers. Had Harris started his book somewhere around chapter 25, he might have led us on a literary journey to someplace new. By the time we get to the happily-ever-afters, his characters may have changed a little but we certainly haven't.

And one more thing: I'm tired of the religious posturing which litters so much of the current black gay pulp fiction. A soliloquy addressed to God, delivered to the night sky, from a street in New York? Please. I'm tired of Harris' thoughtless treatment of women that his heavily female readership has clearly chosen to ignore.
—Anthony Bell

Breaking Point: A Jordan Myles Mystery

by Martina Navratilova and Liz Nickles
Villard 1996 $23



Breaking Point, a murder mystery written by tennis champion Martina Navratilova, is an interesting look inside the world of professional tennis as well as a capable mystery. The writing style is readable, the mystery progresses methodically, and the characters are well-drawn. Occasional blips do occur — for example, the "detective," sports therapist Jordan Myles, learns an important clue on page 48 and then learns it again on page 54 —but on the whole the book is well-planned.

The most interesting thing about *Breaking Point* is the inside view of the world of tennis: they hype, the high-dollar stakes, and little tidbits about the quirks of famous players.

Jordan Myles is an ex-tennis champion struggling to put behind her a long-standing feud with "good girl" tennis star, Kelly Kendall, clearly a fictionalization of Navratilova's well-publicized rivalry with Chris Evert. Myles witnesses the death of a beautiful young secretary, and tracks down the killer. She's chased, while riding her Harley, by an unseen would-be murderer in one chapter; she beats the hell out of a bad guy in another chapter; she avenges her "partner's" (actually, her assistant's) death in another chapter ... all great dyke-fantasy stuff. The only disappointment is that Myles doesn't seem to have realized, yet, that she's a dyke. She keeps referring to men she's dated; she even tries to have a little romance with a male character in the book, although she can't quite bring herself to kiss him.

Breaking Point is a fun little mystery, especially for mystery fans who are also tennis aficionados. Let's just hope Myles realizes her true sexual orientation in the next book.
—Kathleen Vickery

Stuck Rubber Baby

by Howard Cruse
Paradox Fiction 1995 $24.95

Stuck Rubber Baby is a graphic novel of such immense beauty and quality that it will likely remain for years unsurpassed. Cruse takes us back to the South in the '60s when the civil rights movement was gathering steam. Toland tells his life story from his adult perspective in the 90s to an unnamed companion. Both the joys and pain of discovering his sexual orientation and the building turmoil as more people begin to fight injustice are the narrative thrusts in Stuck Rubber Baby.

The impact of this book is profound. The detail and care Cruse lavishes on each panel forces the reader to experience the tragedy and rhapsody of *Stuck Rubber Baby*. Cruse is generous with Toland's self-critique and his struggle to build an identity and the courage to take part in life. By the end of *Stuck Rubber Baby*, Clayfield and its citizens are as real as Richmond, D.C., or Hampton Roads. *Stuck Rubber Baby* is simply awesome as a novel, and as art.
—Lee Hanson

BUSINESS BOOKS

In some ways life is better now for gays and lesbians than ever before. During the last few months, four significant books on gays and work have been published. A few years ago it would have been incomprehensible to think that the American Management Association would publish a how-to book for building positive work environments that include gays and lesbians. A few years ago it would have been shocking to see the Harvard Business Review present a coming out case to executives and report that the executives overwhelmingly said that they should treat the gay employee fairly. This quartet of books are must-reads for gays interested in business and for executives concerned about profit potential.

Straight Talk About Gays In The Work-Place; Creating An Inclusive, Productive Environment For Everyone In Your Organization

by Liz Winfeld and Susan Spielman
AMACOM (American Management Association) 1995 $21.95

As a handbook for managers in the real world, *Straight Talk* is better than any previous workplace diversity book. The authors present a step-by-step approach to first sensitize and educate management about the issue of sexual orientation, then proceed to develop a program that can be applied by manages in multiple types and sizes of business. Winfeld and Spielman show why it is simply good business to

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treat gays and lesbians fairly: it adds to the bottom line and puts the firm at a strategic advantage.

Gays and lesbians will find much in *Straight Talk*, both common sense and elementary. Winfeld and Spielman have a chapter that says there are no stupid questions: many straight people have only stereotypes and myths about gay people. If American managers implement the ideas in Straight Talk it will be step toward greater competitiveness in our economy.

The writing style in *Straight Talk* is professional and aims for clear expression. This is a book meant to be used. Getting it into the hands of executives should be a gay goal.

—Lee Hanson

Untold Millions: Positioning Your Business For The Gay And Lesbian Consumer Revolution
by Grant Lukenbill
Harper Business 1995 $25

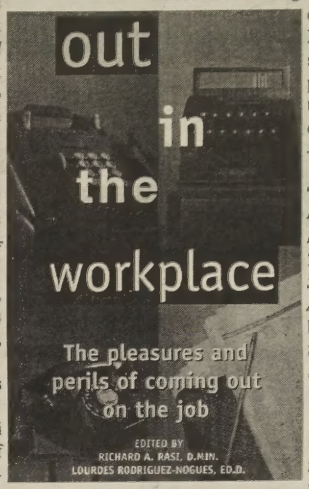
More myth-busting is contained in *Untold Millions* than in any number of political pamphlets. Lukenbill demonstrates why businesses concerned with growth do better when they pay attention to the gay market. The strategic imperative in a competitive economy is to build advantage through special capabilities that competitors are unable or unwilling to exploit.

Lukenbill never stoops to simplistic statements of exaggerated "average gay income." Instead he shows how the market force of millions of gays and lesbians living their lives and spending their money can have an immensely positive impact on profits.

Ignorant business managers often claim that they will hurt business if they court the gay consumer dollar. On the contrary, Lukenbill demonstrates how gay consumers build market share. A lesbian kiss increases sales for advertisers. Companies who skillfully serve gay and lesbian consumers have been successful. But companies who have inadvertently offended gays and lesbians through subtle bias have lost sales.

Untold Millions provides valuable advice on how to learn about gay culture in order to successfully attract the billions of dollars spent every year. *Untold Millions* is a how-to book for business people who want to build competitive advantage.

—Lee Hanson



Out In The Workplace: The Pleasures and Perils of Coming Out On The Job
ed by Richard A. Rasi, D. Min. and Lourdes Rodriguez-Nogues, Ed.D.
Alyson Publications 1995 $12.95

Barney Frank and Terri de la Peoa wrote two of the essays in this worthwhile collection. Jewelle Gomez said that coming out is a common cultural experience for gay and lesbian people. We talk about coming out, we write about coming out, and we get to know each other through our coming out stories. Sometimes we get bored with coming out. Even if there have been all too many coming out books, they are perennially popular because they remind us that we are strong. *Out In The Workplace* is an ideal companion to *Straight Talk About Gays In The Workplace* as a resource to executives interested in providing a just workplace environment. But it's also going to interest many gays and lesbians who either have struggled or are struggling with coming out at work. A diverse group of people contributed essays to *Out In The Workplace.* Some people, like Frank, are known to everyone, but most are just people who want to live life in a dignified manner. While *Out In The Workplace* is a good collection, it does suffer from an over-representation of Boston area contributors. The coming out process is probably different in, say Mississippi, than in a state that conservative politicians have called the "People's Republic of Massachusetts."

—Lee Hanson

Straight Jobs, Gay Lives: Gay and Lesbian Professionals, The Harvard Business School, and The American Workplace
by Annette Friskopp, Sharon Silverstein
Scribner 1995 $32.50

On the one hand, looking at lesbian and gay professionals who graduated from the Harvard Business School may seem non-representative of general gay and lesbian workplace concerns. On the other hand, Harvard Business School graduates are represented at the highest levels of American business: just the type of people who one would expect to be very closeted. This is a huge study of 100 gay and lesbian Harvard Business School graduates.

Friskopp and Silverstein, as a result of interviews and data collection, found that gays have a lot to be happy about. In the workplace world of *Straight Jobs, Gay Lives,* gay generally does mean happy. Here are the primary findings (as reported on the "Straight Jobs Gay Lives" homepage on the World Wide Web):

1. Most gay professionals have come out at work —- some selectively and others completely.
2. It is better to come out at work than to be found out or to be "suspected" of being gay.
3. There are a number of different methods of coming out successfully at work.
4. Those who have come out at work report the most happiness with their careers and their personal lives.
5. Both fully open and selectively open gay professionals are behind some of the most visible changes in the business world, such as non-discrimination policies, domestic partner benefits, diversity training, and recognition and funding for gay employee groups.
6. Companies that discriminate against gay and lesbian employees are precluded from the largest and best pool of job applicants.
7. Gay professionals in the business world are creating important changes which will lead to equality for gay people in every aspect of life.
8. Gay professionals who come out successfully have allies at home and at work.

Straight Jobs Gay Lives is interesting to read, is defendable scholarship, and, most importantly, emphasizes that it is a lot easier to be out of the closet than in the closet. This study is ground breaking and makes a very strong case that closets are for clothes and not productivity or success. *Straight Jobs Gay Lives* belongs everywhere business books are found: it is better than all but a few classic titles.

Be sure and check the *Straight Jobs Gay Lives* Web page where the book can be purchased for $28. Go to http://www.nyu.edu/pages/sls/sjgl/.

—Lee Hanson

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Perspective on Freedom

"RESPECT" AND THOUGHT POLICE

* Religious extremists say they want respect.
But what they're really demanding is unequivocal assent.

by Salman Rushdie

In any vision of a free society, the value of free speech must rank the highest, for that is the freedom without which all the other freedoms would fail. Journalists do more than most of us to protect those values, for the exercise of freedom is freedom's best defense, and that is something you all do every day.

It seems to me, however, that we live in an increasingly censorious age. By this I mean that the broad, indeed international, acceptance of 1st Amendment principles is being steadily eroded. Many special-interest groups, claiming the moral high ground, now demand the protection of the censor. Political correctness and the rise of the religious right provide the pro-censorship lobby with further cohorts. I would like to say a little about just one of the weapons of this resurgent lobby, a weapon used, interestingly, by everyone from anti-pornography feminists to religious fundamentalists: I mean the concept of "respect."

On the surface of it, "respect" is one of those ideas nobody's against. Like a good warm coat in winter, like applause, like ketchup on your fries, everybody wants some of that. Sock-it-to-me-sock-it-to-me, as Aretha Franklin has it. But what we used to mean by respect--what Aretha meant by it--that is, a mixture of good-hearted consideration and serious attention--has little to do with the new ideological usage of the word.

Religious extremists demand respect for their attitudes with growing stridency. Very few people would object to the idea that people's rights to religious belief must be respected--after all, the 1st Amendment defends those rights as unequivocally as it defends free speech-but now we are asked to agree that to dissent from those beliefs-to hold that they are suspect or antiquated or wrong--that, in fact, they are arguable-is incompatible with the idea of respect. When criticism is placed off limits as "disrespectful" and therefore offensive, something strange is happening to the concept of respect. Yet in recent times, both the U.S. National Endowment for the Arts and the British Broadcasting Corp. have announced that they will use this new version of "respect" as a touchstone for their funding and programming decisions.

Other minority groups-racial, sexual, social-also have demanded that they be accorded this new form of respect. To "respect" Louis Farrakhan, we must understand, is simply to agree with him. To "diss" him is, equally simply, to disagree. But if dissent is also to be thought a form of "dissing," then we have indeed succumbed to the Thought Police.

I want to suggest to you that citizens of free societies, democracies, do not preserve their freedom by pussyfooting around their fellow citizens' opinions, even their most cherished beliefs. In free societies, you must have the free play of ideas. There must be argument, and it must be impassioned and untrammeled. A free society is not a calm and eventless place-that is the kind of static, dead society dictators try to create. Free societies are dynamic, noisy, turbulent and full of radical disagreements. Skepticism and freedom are indissolubly linked. And it is the skepticism of journalists, their show-me, prove-it unwillingness to be impressed, that is perhaps their most important contribution to the freedom of the free world.

It is the disrespect for journalists-for power, for orthodoxy, for party lines, for ideologies, for vanity, for arrogance, for folly, for pretension, for corruption, for stupidity, maybe even for editors-that I would like to celebrate and that I urge you all, in freedom's name, to preserve.

(Salman Rushdie, whose latest work is "The Moor's Last Sigh" (Pantheon, 1996), is the British author under an Iranian assassination threat because of his writings. This passage is taken from a speech he gave Wednesday to the American Society of Newspaper Editors meeting in Washington.D.C.)

ELDERS PREACHES GAY RIGHTS SLAMS UTAH

Source: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"We can't let lawmakers sit on God's judgment seat and make those decisions for us. I haven't met a politician good enough to make that kind of decision for me," Jocylin Elders said Friday in keynoting a conference at Arizona State University on "affirming sexual diversity."

With Utah lawmakers passing a bill banning gay-student clubs in high school, and with other states such as Arizona entertaining proposals to ban or refuse to recognize same-sex marriages, the struggle for understanding and equality is frustrating, Elders said.

"We need to keep fighting," she said. "Why should we care what people do in their bedrooms?'

Elders said that 4 in 10 adolescents who try to commit suicide are gay, lesbian or bisexual.

"Violence often perpetrated in our schools against gay youth" and the schools' failure to respond "is a big problem that each of us needs to be worried about."

Teachers, school administrators and others who work with youth must teach tolerance early, but the whole community should be the target, not just schools.

Elders was forced to resign in December 1994 after she spoke openly about masturbation.

NEWS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Jerusalem, ca 30 AD--Extremist reacted swiftly to denounce the new religious teacher in Jerusalem who they claim is preaching heretical doctrine. They cite the following

"And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, ''Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?'"

"And He said to him, ''What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?'"

"And he answered and said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all you mind; and your neighbor as yourself.'"

"And He said to him," 'You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.'"

Clearly a radical view.

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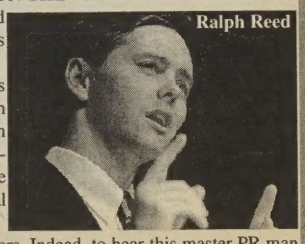
Ralph Reed

NEW YORK - No one can say that the 92nd Street Y, New York's foremost retailer of all things Jewish-American, isn't polite. Almost to a fault.

Tuesday night the Y played host to a man who is trying to take the bread out of its mouth - Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, the religious-right organization campaigning to kill the National Endowment for the Arts, which helps underwrite the Y's classical music and literary reading programs.

Reed didn't mention his assault on the Y's coffers. Indeed, to hear this master PR man speak, spreading the word ``pluralism'' like confetti, you'd think he was a Rockefeller Republican.

When he referred to his boss, the Christian Coalition president, Pat Robertson, he likened him to Martin Luther King and Jimmy Carter. As he opined about homosexuality, he quoted Oscar Wilde. The abolitionist preacher Theodore Parker, the anti-war Berrigan brothers and even the former head of People for the American Way were all invoked as Reed talked around the questions from his on-stage interlocutor, the ABC newsman Jeff Greenfield.

What's the game? One well worth following this election year. The Christian Coalition has Bob Dole's IOU, having rescued his campaign in what proved to be the do-or-die South Carolina primary.

But the religious right's hard-core agenda - endorsed in its entirety by the formerly moderate Dole, who now brags of his 100 percent rating on Christian Coalition voter guides - will hardly win over centrist voters who swing national elections.

Enter Reed, self-described stealth warrior, whose job it is to sugar-coat or flatly disguise Robertson's aims to mainstream audiences.

Though Greenfield asked far tougher questions than Reed usually gets, dissembling ruled. In defending Pat Buchanan, the beloved keynote speaker at the Coalition's last convention, Reed even cited William Safire as having expressed "ambivalence" about Pitchfork Pat's anti-Semitic rhetoric - when in fact my colleague had rated Buchanan at "4 or 5" on a scale that put Hitler at 10 and Louis Farrakhan at 7. (Time for a language column instructing Reed on the meaning of ambivalence - and chutzpah.)

On policy matters, Reed was bolder still. ``We don't believe we need government to force our values on people," he said - a direct contradiction of his movement's foremost goal, to have the government dictate a woman's reproductive decisions. "Our policy is tolerance but not necessarily approval," Reed said of homosexuals, adding that they "ought to have the same rights" as ``every other American."

In fact, Robertson has likened gay people to Satan-worshippers; Christian Coalition voters' guides will go so far as to mark the names of candidates favoring anti-discrimination protections for homosexuals with a condemnatory triangle.

On school prayer, Reed expressed solidarity, if you please, with Bill Clinton. But while the president supports the voluntary religious activities already permitted by law at school, the Christian Coalition endorses the teaching of creationism as science and was lobbying the House Judiciary Committee this week for a ``Religious Freedom Amendment" that would rewrite the Constitution to permit coercive school prayer.

In this vein, Reed also said that Robertson, despite a long and contradictory public record, now supported the separation of church and state; never mind that the watchdog journal "Church & State" reports that Robertson argued only last August on his daily TV program, "The 700 Club," that "there is nothing to indicate that there should be a separation."

Before Reed's appearance, some Jewish protesters argued that the 92nd Street Y should have given him the hook. I disagree; to deny him a forum would lower the Y to the level of the Christian Coalition itself, which last fall asked Arlen Specter, a Jew opposing its agenda in the Republican primaries, to address a secondary meeting at its "Road to Victory" conference rather than the main meeting open to his presidential rivals.

Whatever Reed says is mere distraction and subterfuge anyway; it's his boss's words, whether to Christian Coalition members in public or politicians in private, that count.

And Bob Dole, for one, is all ears: in a special taped message to "The 700 Club," he invited Robertson to celebrate his birthday in the White House next year.

*NOTE: Frank Rich's e-mail address is Frich@nytimes.com

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DILEMMA FOR QUEEN OVER GAY MARRIAGES

Excerpted from a story by Helen Cranford in Brussels *Daily Telegraph* United Kingdom 4/18/96

Groups opposed to the legalization of gay marriages in Holland are asking whether their Queen will go so far as to support the move.

The Dutch parliament has already backed legislation to grant gays the same legal and civil marital rights as heterosexual couples.

The Queen normally remains happily in the mainstream of her country's liberal tendencies and even appointed a gay tutor for her eldest son, Prince Wilhelm Alexander. The gay community is proud to boast that she is everyone's queen. Her portrait commonly eyes her subjects in the gay bars and discos across the land.

Her Christmas speech embraced the "diversity" of Dutch society, which many gay activists interpreted as a royal nod in their favour.

But to tamper with tradition and extend the symbol of marriage to homosexuals is a step too far, say the Family Bill's opponents.

Legal marriages are mutually recognized throughout the European Union. "But, clearly other countries would find same-sex marriages problematical," said Frits Bolkestein, of the Freedom and Democracy Party (VVD)....

...If the new family law reaches the statute books, married gays would be entitled to the same adoption and inheritance rights as heterosexual couples, including the right of foreign spouses to Dutch nationality after three years. **Going Dutch would take on a whole new meaning.**

"If we are equal human beings, we must be given the same legal civil status as heterosexuals"

...If a future Dutch king married another man, any adopted children would become their legitimate heirs, said Boris Dittrich, whose D66 Democratic Party is backing the legislation. "Sexual preference has nothing to do with it."

Lesbians resorting to artificial insemination would be the legal mothers, which is not the case now. This would apply even to a royal lesbian, he said.

SUPREME COURT DECISION IMMINENT

Supreme Court observers expect that the decision on Amendment 2 will be announced on one of the following seven dates: May 13, 20 and 28; and June 3, 10, 17, and 24. On the day of the announcement, Ground Zero will Party or Protest. The Pride Center will open at 4PM with the activities beginning at 6PM. Sure, we can use your help getting ready.

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DO THEY UNDERSTAND?

La Guía Members Plan a New Wave for a New Age!

When explanations are made as to the concerns and issues most important to the majority of Hispanic GLBT community, are our realities so different withthat of nonhispanics that it seems to take more than just simple explanations? The answer is *yes*.... but is it more important than helping those in our Hispanic communty who need the support and services of La Guía? The answer to this question is *no*.

The general consensus within the *die-hard* active members is that whatever La Guía does do, it should concentrate on "her own people" first and put interaction with other groups or organizations in Colorado second. Although help from the rest of the Gay and Lesbian community is encouraged, recent perceptions of lack of interest and understanding by the rest of the community of the issues important to Hispanos, has raised the question of whether members of La Guía should count on the support from the non-hispanic GLBT community. The reality is that the social, economical and political issues confronting Hispanos and Latinos are very different than our nonhispanic counterparts... thus Hispanics are questioning: "how do we participate with the GBLT community at large and still stay focused on the issues we value most?"

These questions have made La Guía members question the very motto of the organization; *"DIVERSITY THROUGH INCLUSION"*. Thus it has been proposed that La Guía encourage an interaction with other nonhispanic groups but stay focused on the issues more closely affecting the Hispano/Latino community. In addition to interactive networking functions with selected groups, many members feel that La Guía should have more social events and traveling education programs. Another proposal being considered is the 'decentralizing' of the current regional control of the organization to a more local/grassroots type system. These proposals are only a few of the issues confronting us in the next few weeks. All active and inactive members should attend the next regional La Guía meeting and orientation seminar in Colorado Springs, June 1st. Untill then La Guía will continue to be administered entirely from Colorado Springs.

In the mean time La Guía will still need coordinators and volunteers for:

- the Denver and Colorado Springs Pridefest activities. (tentatively mid to late june)
- Regional meeting and day seminar Colo. Sprgs., June 1st.
- volunteer/coordinaters for future functions

Everyone at La Guía urges evryone to get involved! La Guía is on the verge of becoming more than just the most viable wide spread group in rural Colorado. La Guía is ready to become the Hispano group of the Rockies and beyound.

HISPANICS ARE NOT THE BLAME!

FACTS AND FIGURES REPEATEDLY PROVE US INOCENT... BUT,...

Over and over again,facts and figures have been presented in a futile attempt to prove that Latinos and/or imigrants are not responsible for the abuses of welfare services and basically destroying the job market for the so-called *true americans*. (white non-hispanic americans) Unfortunately, it appears that the Bucaninites and many nonhispanics WANT to believe that scapegoating propaganda. Even more disturbing is the occasional Gay or Lesbian that echoes the same rhetoric being spewed out by the conservatives.

All we can do is repeat the factual information till they finally '*get it*' and Hispanos don't have to live, as always, of being accused of being guilty before their proven innocent.

How many times have we held up examples of the facts on imigrants that show that less than 6% of new americans use welfare for one reason or another and as a rule are always paying more into the system than they receive. Hispanics, as a rule, have historically made up the lower end of the economic ladder in the cross section of americans. Despite the fact that a decidedly higher percentage of hispanic americans would qualify due to the high incidence of poverty levels within the Latino community, latinos consistantly contribute a similar percentage out of their community as white non-hispanics cotribute out of theirs. So if Hispanics are not taking advantage of a system they obviously qualify for, who is? Which raises another question. If Latinos, legal and illegal make such a small proven percentage of welfare users in this country why would anyone need legislation to curb a group of people who (fact) keep the agricultural harvest of this country from collapsing at wages, hours,work loads and shear hard work that no *true american* would accept, much less consider. In fact one could speculate that this system of contempt and disdain of a people that is being used and abused is nothing more than indecent slavery and barbarism. What else could it be if the misrepresentation of a people by another which has everything to gain by keeping the statis quo reaches the nasty levels demonization that have been reached in the past few years?

Obviously, there are a lot of questions that can be answered if individuals quit blaming Hispanics for a problem that is more of a symptom of a bigger problem.

Unfortunately, untill the demonization of Latinos can be curbed americans will continue to benefit from the financial contributions by both legal and illegal Hispanics into a social security and welfare system of which they do not regularly utilize.

¡CINCO DE MAYO!

LA GUÍA **sponsors 2nd. annual booth at Pueblo's Cinco De Mayo Celebration**

"Manned" by Terry Atencio, La Guía has decided to sponsor an informational booth at the annual Cinco De Mayo Celebration at the Colorado State Fair Grounds. Last year was the first time that a 'gay' organization had ever opened a booth at the celebration. Due to it's success, Terry offered to set-up and run the booth again this year. The major emphasis of the booth is Spanish language AIDS/HIV information.

In addition to the booth Terry has been keeping "La Guía Pueblo" alive but he, Alexis and the group in Pueblo need help. If you live in the Pueblo area and have some ideas about how to help revitalize and expand La Guía Pueblo's division, please contact Terry at 719-545-7218. Terry

desperately needs coordinators and volunteers for social/fundraising events, so if you have a desire to organize this kind of function, give him a call!

LA GUÍA SAN LUÍS VALLEY IS ON THE MOVE!

Members in the San Luís Valley have been making plans for continuing to expand their social and fundraising activities. The Division reports that they will continue to sponsor their annual "Fiesta Navidad" in the 2nd. weekend of December but will be trying to offer their members a social outlet every other month in varying locations throughout the valley. Something the valley
desperately needs in light of the absence of "gay" bars, functions, and activities close to home.

The "Valley Division" is also gaining fame nationally for the migrant/latino targeted AIDS?HIV workshop which they helped design! (A related story on their accomplishments will be featured in the June edition of *La Carta.*) If your are interested in volunteering and you happen to live in the San Luís Valley, please call 719-754-2778 and ask for Mitch García.

LA GUÍA COLORADO SPRINGS TALKS ABOUT CHANGING ROLES!

To date the Colorado Springs Division of La Guía has taken the role of managing the administrative tasks of the organization.. Although the importance of a central administrative branch is important to an organization as widespread as ours, we must also take into account that it may hinder the division which takes responsibility for that task. Thats the case in the 'Springs' Division. Many 'Springs' members have been "burned out" due to the extra responsibilities and have felt that they could not network efficiently if they continued as they have. We have a solution! Since the management of the newsletter, updating membership lists, financing and gathering or dispersing information have been concentrated in one location it is felt that a "Administrative Division" be created to facilitate these tasks; thus, freeing The 'Springs' Division to network and function locally.

La Guía Colorado Springs will be free to function indepently while being financed from a central location like all the other 'divisions' do.

Despite the fact that this decision has been made I'm sure that everyone agrees that although we all appreciate the "Springs" efforts in the past, the time for lifting the burden of these tasks from their shoulders has come. For information about participating in the Colorado Springs Division or the Administrative Division please call 488-8213

IT'S TIME FOR "CINCO DE MAYO"!

Many do not realize that Cinco De Mayo represents the celebration of one battle in a long line of internal and external conflict that engulfed Mexico for the better part of a century. During this time Mexico seemed to be in constant war with herself, her neighbors or European monarchies, but it was after the civil war between the liberals and the conservatives that Mexico found herself in an international conflict against French intervention. In1862 an ambitious Napoleon III accompanied with Spanish and British allies invaded Mexico. After the battle of Tampico the Spanish and British forces decided they did not have the stomach for war. The French, with the support of Mexican conservatives, continued the fight in anticipation of creating a monarchy in Mexico. Initially the French forces were defeated on May 5th. 1862 at the battle of Puebla. It is this date that the Mexicans celebrate as a symbol of their resolve to keep Mexico free. The battle of Puebla empowered Mexicans with a pride that would later prove essential in helping to win the war. After the defeat of his forces at Puebla, Napoleon sent reinforcements to Mexico in June of 1863, thus extending the Mexicans struggle for freedom till the final ouster of the French in1867. The battle of Puebla had been the inspiration but the hero was Benito Juarez. Juarez was a humble Indian from the Oaxaca who had been the leader of the liberal movement since the 1858 civil war with the conservatives started. Economic and political turmoil continued till the control of General Porfirio Diaz in 1876, but the inspiration of Cinco De Mayo and Benito Juarez made it all possible.

"OBRAS PERISCOPICOS"

A PROGRAM FOR HISPANIC WRITERS.

La Guía is continuing it's collection of literary works as a ongoing program. Obras Periscopicos has been going on for a few years now and the collection has grown ever so slowly. All stories, poems and essays submitted so far have been compiled and are used in La Carta or saved for a publication in the future of a book collection of Hispanic literary works. If you have some thing to add to this collection, feel free to send it to La Guía at P.O. Box 1335, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901. We will keep your writings *anonymous* if you want. All submissions will be used for La Guía publications only! unless a written request from the author approves otherwise. This is your chance to write that piece you have always wanted to write; without the fear of being outed. call us at 488-8213 or send your literary work to the address above. We want to hear from you!

(note: several literary works will be featured in the "Pridefest issue of La Carta in June, please send all submissions to our P.O Box no later than Wednesday, May 15th. if you would like to be considered for the June issue. We especially encourage female and rural writers to send their submissions early.

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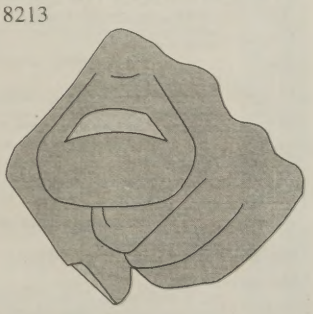
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND $DONATIONS $

As always La Guía could not function without the support it gets from the Hispanic community. This organization operates exclusively from the physical and financial contributions from the Hispanic community, but as we ask in every publication of La Carta, we continually need your support. **Help keep La Guía *helping Latinos*** everywhere by sending your donation today! **If Hispanos can't help Hispanos, nobody else will!** make checks or money orders payable to La Guía Inc. membership levels are $5.00 for being put on the membership list and subscription to La Carta. $20.00 pays for free admission to regional luncheons , and subscription to La Carta. **Help La Guía help our people,** for more information call 488-8213



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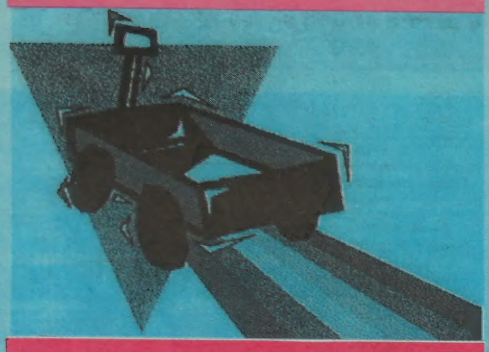

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COMIC RELIEF

Though they have always been the subject of conservative criticism and fundamentalist fears, comic books are sometimes ignored by progressive media activists. The significance of the medium -- and the uniquely involved audience it commands -- should not be overlooked, however. Several comics have made notable efforts to include queer themes.

Comic fan David Hamburger reports that Milestone Media "has included gay and lesbian characters in almost all of their books." According to Hamburger, Milestone's latest effort -- "Heroes" -- includes an interracial lesbian couple. "Donner" (who is super-strong) and "Blitzen" (super-fast) are "prominently featured in this comic as the core of the superheroes team," says Hamburger.

"The comic is currently a six-issue miniseries, but -- with enough support -- it would likely become a regular series.

Lesbian characters are also included in DC Comics' new mini-series, "Death: The Time of Your Life." The main characters in "Death" are Hazel and Foxglove, a lesbian-couple-with-child. Foxglove is also a successful rock star, who must confront an industry that would rather she "played it straight." This plot offers unusual opportunities for depth, marred only by the shallow warning slapped on the comic's cover: "Suggested for mature readers."p Another DC series -- "Justice League America" (JLA) -- takes a less-direct approach to sexual orientation, but the subject is NOT reserved for "mature readers." In a recent issue (#110) , one member of the "League" is dismayed to learn that his colleagues had simply assumed he was gay. In fact, Albert (aka "Nukion") was thought to be romantically involved with another super-hero, Todd (aka "Obsidian").

His heterosexuality challenged, Albert rushes to confront Todd, demanding to know if the rumor had ANY basis in fact. Todd states that he IS happily involved with a woman, but...he DOES love Albert. When pressed to define just what kind of affection he's talking about, Todd refuses to "put a label" on love.

Later in the same story, another superhero -- Sigrid (aka "Icemaiden") -- seems a bit more willing to "put a label" on things. When Albert asks Sigrid for date, he suggests that they might have a lot in common. Indeed they do, Sigrid replies: "We both like girls."

In the next issue (#111) of "JLA," Sigrid explains further: "I'm MORE than attracted to women. I feel such community with women, such validation..." However, she ultimately refuses -- point blank -- to identify as lesbian or bisexual. Mimicking Todd's lament, Sigrid refuses to be "put in a box." "People like nice neat boxes in confusing times," she says. "But the truth is, you just are who you are and you like who you like."

Such "principled" rejections of "boxes" and "labels" are typically a convenient substitute for affirmation; they amount to little more than heterosexist collusions, in which lesbian, gay and bisexual persons are still burdened with "the love that dare not speak its name." In every medium, queer characters have asserted the virtue of their "sexual independence" with a complete disregard for the value (and necessity) of community. Such isolation effectively separates fictionalized homosexuals from the social or political alliances that might pose too great a threat to heterosexual privilege.

This spin is not only routine in fiction, however, but also in fact -- a situation perhaps more reflected, than directed, by the media. David Hamburger argues: "While the 'don't put a label on it' attitude might be INFURIATING to some of us who are out (myself wholeheartedly included), it's VERY common in the real world." Amongst individuals in the early stages of coming out, for example, a first step -- rejecting the "boxes" and "labels" of compulsory heterosexuality -- can require a totalizing rhetoric not at all unlike Todd's and Sigrid's. As such, this comic fantasy could bridge reality through a recognizable language that, for some readers, is clearly spoken.

ACTION/OPTIONS! "JLA" is "one of the VERY few mainstream comics to feature gay/lesbian/bisexual SUPER-HEROES, not just supporting characters," says David Hamburger. "So it's VERY important that people write to DC to support it. People have been complaining about these subplots taking up too much time in a super-hero comic, though they almost NEVER complain about heterosexual romantic subplots." Hamburger also notes that "DC Comics HEAVILY promoted the 'Death' series, including frank mentions of the main characters as lesbians. And even though these comics are geared towards adults, many kids also read them." -Send comments regarding "Justice League America" to: Brian Augustyn, Editor, and Jenette Kahn, Editor-in-Chief, DC Comics, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. The "JLA" storyline was written by Gerard Jones. -Feedback regarding "Death: The Time of Your Life" can also be sent to DC, at the above address. Send this correspondence to the attention of: Karen Berger, Executive Editor, DC/Vertigo Comics, and Shelly Roeberg, Associate Editor, "Death." -Comments regarding "Heroes" should be sent to: The World Needs Heroes, c/o Milestone Media, 119 West 23rd Street, Suite 409, New York, NY 10011, e-mail DCOMilestn@aol.com. -Subscribers to America Online can also post feedback through AOL's "DC Comics Online" forum. The site offers access to the comic book company's management and creative staff, and also provides numerous public "message boards." While many users of the forum are fans, homophobic posts are not uncommon (and beg a response). For example: "I remember back. . . when the writers were more concerned with writing good stories than they were concerned with appealing to the poetry-reading P.C. coffeehouse shitheads who have taken over so many of these comics I wonder if it would even be possible to write one single comic that did not have a gay person in it. Probably not. Ah well, I guess that's what back issues are for" (Tampaco@aol.com)

POOR PERFORMANCE

The recent "decency" battle in Charlotte, pitting Tony Kushner's "Angels in America" against the "Rev." Joseph Chambers and assorted devils, has earned a fair share media coverage. Lost in the hubbub, however, is another story. It's a genuine morality tale, about standing up -- and sitting down -- in the fight against censorship.

While individuals and groups, both local and national, rallied in defense of "Angels," one organization was conspicuously absent. The North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center -- caretaker of the theatrical venue -- showed little care for the values of free expression. Presumptively responsible for defending art, the Center utterly failed in that task -- at least in this case.

According to the National Coalition Against Censorship (NCAC), the Performing Arts Center actually sided with the censors, rather than the creators, of queer art. "When it chose not to defend the play and the vital free expression principles at stake, the Board of the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center failed in a basic responsibility to its community," said Leanne Katz, NCAC executive director. "A performing arts center cannot fulfill its mission to contribute to a vibrant community life once it abandons artistic integrity to judgments by outside pressure groups, however large or small they may be," she added.

What is perhaps "most disturbing," suggests Katz, is the Center's continuing inability to understand that they "had a First Amendment as well as artistic responsibility to vigorously oppose any use of an 'indecent exposure' statute intended to suppress production of controversial or challenging works on their own stage."

In a letter to the board of directors, Katz recently encouraged "The Blumenthal Performing Arts Center to develop at once a strong policy of resisting attempts by anyone, under any circumstances, to censor artistic presentations in your community."

Rather than rise to necessary challenge, however, the Center's president -- Judith Allen -- has responded with "indignation." Apparently, the Performing Arts Center can muster an angry voice, after all.

ACTION/OPTIONS! Wherever they might occur, attempts to censor public art and media threaten us all. The organizations that are SUPPOSED to defend freedom of expression MUST be held to that commitment; otherwise, their silence could easily become our own. -Remind the Performing Arts Center of its moral (if not professional) obligation; encourage the Board of Directors to heed NCAC's recommendation and develop a policy of defending the censored, NOT the censors. Contact: Jim Thompson, Chairperson, and Judith Allen, President, North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, Charlotte, NC 28237; copy your correspondence to NCAC. The National Coalition Against Censorship was founded in 1974 and currently "joins 45 national artistic, labor, religious, professional, and civil liberties groups committed to promote and defend the principles of the First Amendment." "Angel's" author Tony Kushner is also a member of NCAC's advisory board; the organization has consistently and effectively challenged homophobic censorship across the nation. Contact: Leanne Katz, Executive Director, NCAC, 275 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10001, tel. 212-807-6222, fax 212-807-6245, e-mail ncac@netcom.com

THE MATTER OF OPINION

A new Gallup poll -- "based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample" -- posed these two questions:

1. "Do you feel that homosexuality should be considered an acceptable alternative lifestyle or not?" 2. "Do you think marriages between homosexuals should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?"

Immediately, the PATENTLY BIASED language is hard to ignore. Contrasting "marriages between homosexuals" and "traditional marriages" is certainly skewed toward heterosexism. At the very least, "traditional marriages" should have been reworded; the equity of "marriages between heterosexuals" and "marriages between homosexuals" could then be discussed,

"Valid" is another loaded, ambiguous qualifier. "Validation" is not the objective; equality of treatment under the law is. Respondents could have been asked whether or not they respected the concept of CIVIL RIGHTS.

Even less valid, of course, is Gallup's continuing use of the phrase "homosexual lifestyles." Because there really is no lesbian or gay "lifestyle" per se, the question is tantamount to asking respondents if they approve of mermaids.

"Alternative lifestyle" is also a favored canard of homophobes. The "lifestyle" lingo -- and those who use it -- ultimately reinforce the notion that "being gay" is an alternative to "being normal." This terminology degrades homosexuality to the level of "something tried" -- not someone's life. Writing for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate (April 4), David Moore reports the results of this Gallup poll. Unfortunately, he apes much of the bias as well.

Moore writes that, "although Americans are somewhat more accepting of homosexuality as a lifestyle than they were a decade ago," 50% of the population still feels homosexuality "should not be considered an acceptable lifestyle." He also reports that the poll shows some significant "differences of opinion." Men, older people and Republicans are "considerably more opposed to homosexuality" than women, younger people and Democrats. Young men (under 30) are an exception, however, and also "show opposition" in larger numbers.

Moore could have summarized the results simply: Homophobia is still abundant, justice more scarce. That's what the poll SHOWS, anyway. But that is NOT what Moore TELLS.

Significantly, the word "homophobia" NEVER appears in either Moore's article or Gallup's poll. Instead, they dwell on "negative feelings" and "differences in opinion," as if "opposition to homosexuality" really had nothing to do with HATING HOMOSEXUALS.

Yet describing "negative feelings about homosexuality" is, in effect, NO different from describing "the feelings of homophobes." The young men who are most opposed to homosexuality in Gallup's poll are also the young men responsible for most of the hate violence committed against lesbians and gays each year.

By treating this bigotry almost exclusively as an un-named "matter of opinion," both the pollsters and the press have conferred an unwarranted respectability upon homophobia. Homophobes now enjoy the pernicious "innocence" that James Baldwin decried decades ago, in his book "The Fire Next Time."

"They have destroyed and are destroying hundreds of thousands of lives, and do not know it and do not want to know it," Baldwin wrote. "But it is not permissible that the authors of devastation should also be innocent. It is the innocence which constitutes the crime."

Ironically, one of the basic axioms of successful polling is that respondents should possess some knowledge of the subject, otherwise their opinions would be useless. Homophobes understand nothing about homosexuality, but -- if they can even recognize the word -- they are surveyed.

Unless the process is properly contextualized, however, such polls may actually promote the very ignorance they purport to measure. The public opinions of an uninformed public are polled to inform the policies and politics that keep the public uninformed.

ACTION/OPTIONS! Critical feedback can be sent to: Gallup, Princeton, NJ, tel. 609-924-9600; David W. Moore, Los Angeles Times Syndicate, 218 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The Tulsa chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays has published several newspaper ads that effectively highlight the particular devastation of "authored" by homophobes. One ad begins with this headline: " 'Homophobia' Isn't In Every Dictionary . . . But It's All Around Us. " The copy then continues, in part: "If

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you're not sure what homophobia means . . We'll give you a hint. 'Hate' is a part of the definition." The Tulsa campaign is one aspect of PFLAG's groundbreaking national effort, "Project Open Mind." Contact: PFLAG Tulsa, P.O. Box 52800, Tulsa, OK 74152.

WEB WATCH

The Consumer Project on Technology is a non-profit organization, founded by Ralph Nader to promote "consumer interests in matters concerning the development of new technologies, including information technologies" http://www.essential.org/cpt].

"Radio Resistor's Bulletin" is a quarterly publication "that examines the issues and concerns that matter to those of us involved in noncommercial radio, as well as those just passionately concerned about it." Sample copies are available by e-mail (haulgren@well.com) or WWW [http://www.rootsworld.com/rw/feature/rrb.html].

Carol Mortimer recently retired her much-valued **"Gay TV" list service**. However, the task has since been taken up by Michael Biocco; look for his new "Gay TV Home Page," which lists upcoming TV shows of queer interest [http://www.jersey.net/~not2/gaytv.htm].

SPECIAL WRITES

THE LOVERS OF SOMETHING: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays sent a (April 2) letter to Pat Robertson and the Christian Broadcasting Network following a CBN broadcast (March 26) in which PFLAG was ridiculed as an organization of "misguided parents." Robertson's co-host described PFLAG as "Parents, Families and Lovers of . . . something." PFLAG executive director Sandra Gillis is requesting that Robertson make "a public on-air apology for your careless remarks about our members and for your co-host's attempt at humor to discredit a national organization with 389 chapters in every state and 11 foreign countries."

WRITE: Pat Robertson, Christian Broadcasting Network, 977 Centerville Turnpike, Virginia Beach, VA 23462, tel. 804-420-0700, e-mail camerica@infi.net.

V-TV GUIDES:

Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) president Jack Valenti chairs the committee of "industry leaders" developing the nation's new V-chip/TV ratings system. According to "Variety" (April 4): "Although no final decisions have been made, Valenti said the initial inclination is to assign a 'generic rating' to sitcoms, soap operas and dramatic series based on the content of a typical episode. Once the generic rating is applied, however, the rating could be changed for individual episodes dealing in more controversial themes. Valenti said he has been 'avalanched' with requests from writer, producer and religious groups who want to meet to discuss the ratings." Given Valenti's weak record on lesbian/gay issues, queer cards and letters should be added to the "avalanche."

WRITE: Jack Valenti, President, Motion Picture Association of America, 1600 Eye Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, tel. 202-293-1966, fax 202-293-7674; 14144 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423, tel. 818-995-3600. Ultimately, the FCC will have to sign off on whatever plan Valenti proposes; copy your correspondence to Reed Hundt, Chair, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20554, tel. 202-418-0200, e-mail fccinfo@fcc.gov.

Live Proud

Quilt by Julie Cooper

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The image of that night evolved into a vision of unifying quilt panels from around the world in memory of all those who had died from AIDS. "Let's take our individual experiences," thought Cleve, "and stitch them together to make something that has strength and beauty."

A year later, in the spring of 1987, Cleve teamed-up with Mike Smith, a Stanford Business School graduate, to make this vision a reality. They organized local sewing-bees in friends' apartments, and on June 28, the two introduced the 40-panel NAMES Project AIDS Quilt at the San Francisco's Lesbian and Gay Freedom Parade, hanging it from the balcony of the Mayor's office.

There they announced to AIDS organizations across the country that the NAMES Project was here, and that they were planning a giant quilt to be displayed in Washington, D.C. during October's March for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Immediately after, the small troupe set up shop in a storefront on Market Street in the heart of the Castro district.

With seven volunteers, a borrowed sewing machine, and a shoestring budget, Cleve taped a poster to the front door announcing their existence and, like every other not-for-profit, a list of necessities; everything from sequence and beads, needles and thread, extension cords and lamps, to sewing machines, furniture, computers, hugs, back rubs and money.

Within two weeks, the Castro district rose the occasion, in the way a community does when one of their own is in need; they responded with ten sewing machines, lighting, tons of sewing accessories, hundreds of volunteers, and monetary donations: an anonymous $500 here, cash slipped under the storefront door there, and local merchants covering the $2,000 first month's rent. A local chiropractor donated full-body massages, often working on volunteers until 3 a.m.

At first, work on arriving panels progressed at a manageable rate; by mid-August, the sewers had 400 quilt panels to complete by the October march. But by the first week of September, hundreds of panels began to arrive daily through the mail, Federal Express, carried in the arms of loved-ones, and overnighted, all wanting to be a part of the developing AIDS quilt.

Volunteers sewed round the clock trying keep up with the continuous flow of panels arriving by the minute. In the end, 1,920 panels made it to the D.C. march as the first official AIDS quilt. But nearly 3,000 panels had reached the Market Street storefront by the time of the march, and they continue to arrive.

The NAMES Project remains a hubbub of activity in the Castro district as the Quilt continues to grow, tour the country and raise money for AIDS research and AIDS related services. Six full-time staffers, 25 full-time volunteers and hundreds of part-time volunteers work day and night to assemble the constant flow of panels. Sometimes volunteers are commissioned to make panels for those unable to do it themselves. They are also called on to rescue troubled panels, sew hems and make alterations.

The project is not only a place of hard work and long hours, but strong emotions and powerful memories. Everyday someone walks by and recognizes a name on one of the panels, or brings in a panel with a heart-wrenching story. Project volunteers with AIDS-related illnesses disappear when they become too sick to leave home.

But the daily doses of personal stories, positive energy, laughter, love and hope creates an atmosphere of community, reminiscent of the community quilting bees that brought families together before a marriage.

"This is a magical place," Cleve says, standing amidst the bustle of the busy storefront. "What you see is an extraordinary investment of love, creative energy and hours and hours of work. There hasn't been a day that I've been here that I haven't cried. But the miracle of this place is that over the sound of sewing machines, you hear the sound of laughter all day long."

In essence, each panel has its own story of strength, courage, sadness, and love that is sewn together with unmet friends and family from across the country and around the world to weave a story of hope, to leave a legacy to be learned from, and to demand, in its deafening silence, a cure for this deadly, undiscriminating disease.

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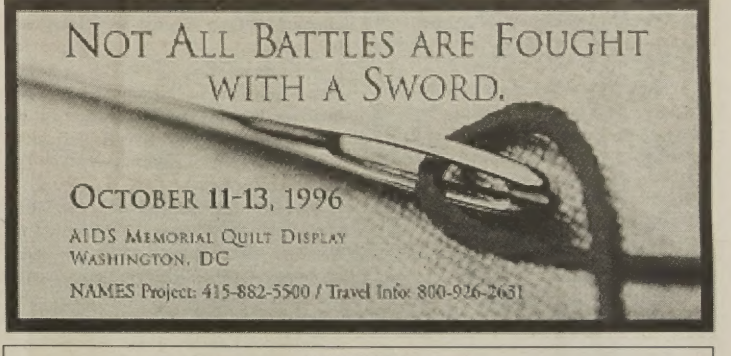
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RADICAL RIGHT UPDATE

MENTORING THE PRESIDENT

Washington, D.C. - Each month, Bill Hybels, senior pastor of suburban Chicago's 15,0000 - member Willow Creek Community Church, meets with President Bill Clinton for the purpose of "personal spiritual mentoring."

"It is a non-ideological, non-political series of conversations. It is about his own attempts to develop spirituality. It is to encourage his understanding of God's word and how he needs to apply that to his life and to his being a father and husband and leader," explains Hybels.

Hybels says that, although he disagrees "quite dramatically" with some of Clinton's policies, he believes it is the responsibility of all Christians to " genuinely pray for Bill Clinton and his family" and to "discipline themselves to talk and act respectfully" about him, even if they disapprove of his policies.

"I think it is important to influence the political process, to call the government into account," Hybels said, " but also to never lose sight of the fact that, if you are going to change a culture, you will do it one life at a time." (source: *The Pastors Weekly Briefing*, Feb. 23, 1996)

CHURCH GROWTH MOVEMENT CASTIGATED

Windham, Maine - With the abundance of "super churches" (5,000 or more members) in the United States, many evangelical and conservative church leaders are basking in the glory of new-found phenomenal growth. Religious political extremist groups are eyeing these churches as a rich source of voters and activists.

The church-growth movement, however, is not appreciated by every pastor.

"The church-growth movement is indeed the bitch goddess of the ecclesiastical machine," according to Rev. J. Grant Swank, of Windham, Maine.

Rev. Swank lists three reasons for his strong statement:

"The church-growth movement relies too heavily on human analysis, human projections. The enemy of the mind of God is reliance on human thought.

"The church growth movement is enamored by human methodologies, human blueprints.

"The church growth movement is bloating human egos. Prancing statistical gains and brag charts is actually baptized by religious leaders who claim to be spiritual models."

"What do we do," Swank wrote in the March 1996 Chalcedon Report, "with the bitch goddess glitzy garb - name-dropping, grabbing apparel, mammoth structures millions in impressive revenues, knock-out p.r.?"

The answer: "This too shall pass."

PASTOR OPPOSES WOMEN CANDIDATES

Birsboro, PA - Last year, many Christian conservatives in Pennsylvania supported Peg Luksik's bid for governor. Although Luksik's is ultra-conservative and anti-abortion, not every conservative clergyman supported her. Why? Because she is a woman.

In response to Lusik's candidacy, the Rev. William O. Einwechter, of Covenant Christian Church, expressed his opposition to women candidates in an article in the March 1996 Chalcedon Report: "I believe the Bible," Rev. Einwechter wrote, "gives a clear and definite answer to this question: women are not permitted by God to hold political office."

His four reasons are:

"The Biblical doctrine of the headship of man disqualifies a woman for civil office.

"The Biblical qualifications for civil office require civil leaders to be men.

"The Biblical picture of a virtuous woman is against a woman holding civil office. (The center of her interest and the place of her ministry is her home.)

"The Biblical lament that "women rule over them" confirms the error of a woman holding civil office. The fact that (in the Bible) Israel has women reigning over them is seen to be the result of sin and a part of God's retributive justice; it is certainly not considered a blessing in the text!"

Einwetcher believes that the presence of a woman in politics is a sign that men have "utterly failed to exercise the leadership required of them."

In conclusion he wrote, "Therefore, Chirstians must not support a woman for the office of civil magistrate. It is imperative that Christians labor to restore God's order for the family, church, *and the state.*"(his italics)

COMING TO A CITY NEAR YOU

Arvada, CO - The much touted Promise Keepers conservative Christian men's movement announced its upcoming 1996 conferences.

They are; Los Angeles, April 19-20; Seattle, May 10-11; Kansas City, MO, April 26-27; Detroit, May 10-11; Minneapolis, May 10-11; Washington, D.C., May 24-25; Boise, ID, June 7-8; Syracuse, NY, June 7-8; CHarlotte, NC, June 21-22; Chicago, June 28-29; San Diego, July 12-13; Pittsburgh, July 12-13; New Orleans, July 26-27; Indianapolis, July 26-27; Eugene, OR, Aug, 2-3; Memphis, Oct. 11-12 and Jacksonville, FL, Oct. 18-19. the Minneapolis and Detroit evenst are sold out.

This year, the group expects attendance to surpass one million. Promise Keepers employs 300, and operated on a budget of $64 million.

On February 13, 1996, Promise Keepers held its first Clergy Conference for Men at Atlanta's Georgia Dome indoor football stadium. Nearly 40,000 ministers attended - possibly the largest gathering of ministers held anywhere.

Some observers see Promise Keepers as a potentially forceful political movement in lock-step with religious political extremists. Many of the movement's current leaders are politically active.

COLORADO WON'T PAY FOR CHAPLAINS

Denver, CO - From now on, Colorado taxpayers won't pay for chaplains in its prisons. The House State Affairs Committee said that the $300,000 cost was exorbitant.

Rep. Phil Pankye (R-Littleton) asked why churches couldn't pay for the chaplains. Lucia Guzman, head of the Colorado Member of Churches, backed a bill to fund the chaplains and said the state and church "should be in greater partnership."

With countless churches and missionary groups eager to evangelize, prisoners should experience no shortage in free chaplains. While prisoners have a right to religious counsel, those services should never be at taxpayers expense.

CHRISTIAN LEADERS URGE PRO-LIFE PLANK RETENTION

Colorado Springs, CO - Dr. James Dobson and more than a dozen other Christian leaders recently sent a letter to Republican National Committee Chair Haley Barbour, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, and the GOP presidential primary candidates urging them to uphold the pro-life plank in the national Republican Party.

The letter, sent Feb. 29, asks, "Since when have right and wrong been determined by the shifting sands of public opinion." (Nationwide, most Republicans are opposed to the party's call for an anti-abortion amendment to the U.S. Constitution.)

The Republican Party - the party of Lincoln - understood slavery as an unmitigated evil and fought a bloody war to eradicate it. They (sic) stood on principle - not because it was popular or easy, - but because it was the right thing to do. We pray that today's political leaders will summon the courage and conviction in this critical year of decision."

Other signers include Dr. D. James Kennedy, John M. Perkins, Russell Sheaw, George Weigel, Father Richard Neuhaus, Dr. Sdrian Rogers, Dr. Charles Swindoll, Dr. Edwin Young, William Ball, Dr. Paul Cedar, Dr. Brandt Gustavson, Dr. William Bright, Charles Colson, Dr. Ted Engstron and Dr. Jim Henry.

A similar letter was not sent to Democratic Party leaders since that party has shown no openness to a pro-life plank. (source: *The Pastors Weekly Briefing*, March 8, 1996)

CHRISTIAN COALITION SPLIT IN ERIE

Erie, PA- One of the Christian Coalition's most effective state organizations, the Pennsylvania Christian Coalition, broke its ties with the national group on December 23, 1995. Rich Schenker, former Pennsylvania Christian Coalition state director, formed a new group called the Pennsylvania Coalition.

Schenker publishes a newsletter called "Insider Report" for the new organization. In the January issue, Schenker wrote, " We will try to retain a loose relationship with Ralph Reed and the Christian Coalition, but we feel we can do more for the citizens of this state as an independent organization."

Schenker is developing what he calls "a internal political action committee." He said, "This is something we could not do if we remained officially affiliated. We were not able to help candidates that desperately needed it."

While Schenker is downplaying tensions between his group and the Christian Coalition, others don't see it that way. "We have been having major problems with Mr. Schenker for the past two years," a Christian Coalition source in PA said. "the national office is now reforming an new chapter in Pennsylvania call the Christian Coalition of Pennsylvania, so as not to add confusion. Please,and I repeat, please do not send financial support to the Pennsylvania Christian Coalition, which is defunct, or the new Pennsylvania Coalition."

While Schenker seems to enjoy a lit of support for his new group, one former supporter wrote," Since I strongly disagree with your break from the Christian Coalition, remove me from you list. I will continue to support Ralph Reed's fine organization." (c.c. watch)

INSIDE THE CNP

Orlando, FL - Members of the secretive Council for National Policy met behind closed doors on March 8 and 9 at the Buena Vista Palace in this resort city. Much of the chatter focused on Bob Dole and who he might choose as a running mate. The ultra-conservatives at the conclave appeared ready to back Dole if he picks an explicitly anti-abortion running mate. Dole would apparently face extreme opposition if he chooses anything but.

Christian Coalition executive director Ralph Reed hinted that CNP members might look elsewhere, perhaps to a third party, if Dole fails to sustain a full anti-abortion ticket.

Reed urged CNP members to become delegates to the GOP's national convention in San Diego. Only by doing so, and in concert with Buchannan's delegates at the convention, could conservatives hold Dole's feet to the fire on pro-life, pro-family - and, specifically, force him to choose a pro-life running mate. (Among others mentioned by reed as not acceptable were Colin Powell, and Christine Todd Whitman.)

Reed said there are "two stark moral choices." With all the problems today - welfare, abortion on demand - there are still some people who honestly believe that the solution is not a return to God, but another government program."

"The question is," Reed said, "which one of those two paths will we follow?" He said that the revolution will not be complete until there is someone in the White House who, among other things, will legalize prayer and sign the Contract with America.

Reed, however, indicated that the prospects for that are not good. With Dole leading in delegates, what can be done to deal with him?

There is one good sign, according to Reed: "People of faith have been pouring into the primaries." Reed sounded a warning to moderates and Democrats. "You better get used to us, because we are going to be around for a long time."

Thus, according to Reed, the key issues going to the GOP convention are the party's and nominee's pro-life and pro-family stand. that is why Buchannan's delegates matter. That is why conservatives mist control 800-1,000 delegates in San Diego if they are to have enough clout to force their position in these issues.

As for the vice presidential nomination,

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Reed said, there remains the possibility of a pro-choicer, like Powell or Whitman. If that happens, he predicted, "The Republicans will lose the White House...for having turned their back on the pro-life movement."

In other news from the Orlando meeting, Freedom Writer Magazine learned that Michael Farris is considering a run for the U.S. Senate. Farris, bead of the Home School Defense League, and former attorney with Concerned Women for America, ran a hotly contested and unsuccessful race for lieutenant governor in 1992. Farris expressed his opinion that Virginia "needs Kay James or me." James recently left her position as head of Virginia's Secretary of Health and Human Resources to teach at Pat Robertson's Regent University. (Source: Jeff Truesdell of the Orlando Weekly and several others contributed to this story)

COALITION RECRUITS GOP DELEGATES

Chesapeake, Virginia - In a recent letter to Christian Coalition supporters in Virginia, Ralph Reed wrote: "Pro-choice Republicans have organized a serious effort to pressure presidential candidates to pick a pro-abortion running mate and force a retreat in the pro-life national party platform."

Reed urged Christian Coalition recipients of his letter to file by March 15 as a Republican delegate in order to keep GOP anti-abortion. He said it is important for them to be well-represented at the GOP convention in San Diego on August 12-15.

Then, to avoid the appearance of partisan politics, Reed added: "It is critical that you get involved in the party of your choice to express and support your views on pro-family issues." Reed listed the phone number of the local Democratic Party office.

(*GZN* Editor's note: I took part in the County Democratic Party Caucuses. As I was entering the building, two very well-dressed individuals came up and asked, "Could you tell us where the Christian Coalition meeting is???" As it turns out, the Republicans were holding their caucus in the same building and these people were looking for that. I wonder who got them out to that caucus???)

NGLTF PRESS RELEASE

ACTIVISTS GEAR UP FOR SUPREME COURT'S AMENDMENT 2 DECISION

SUPREME RESPONSE NETWORK READY TO "CELEBRATE OR DEMONSTRATE"

Washington, D.C., April 17, 1996... Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender activists across the country are gearing up in anticipation of the upcoming Supreme Court ruling on the controversial Colorado Amendment 2 case. Activists in cities and towns across the country will be "coming out" the day after the decision to educate and celebrate or demonstrate as part of the Supreme Response National Day of Action.

Supreme Response: A National Day of Action is being organized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in conjunction with Equality Colorado, Ground Zero, and other Colorado-based gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (g/l/b/t) organizations. Already, activists and organizations in over 30 locales, from San Antonio, Texas to Paducah, Kentucky, are mobilizing their communities to turn out for what may be one of the most important court decisions in the history of the g/l/b/t movement.

"The gay community is on the edge of it's collective seat and ready to act," said Karen Bullock-Jordan, NGLTF field organizer and Supreme Response coordinator. "People understand that this decision could have monumental ramifications for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people everywhere--not just in Colorado--as well as for all people working for social justice. The court's decision will send a message that determines whether the civil rights of a minority can be held hostage to the prejudice of a majority." added Bullock-Jordan.

It remains unknown when the court will release its decision, though the days are dwindling. Court watchers say only 7 potential announcement days remain during the current session for the Supreme Court. The days are May 13, 20 and 28; and June 3, 10, 17, and 24.

In the meantime, NGLTF continues to work with local activists preparing Supreme Response events and urges g/l/b/t people throughout the country to organize a Supreme Response in their community if there is not one already planned.

Attached is a partial list of local organizations that will be participating in A Supreme Response Day of Action. This is not a final list, more organizations are confirming their participation every day. If your community is not listed--and is planning an action--please contact NGLTF to become part of the Supreme Response Network. NGLTF will be contacting the Supreme Response Action Network and informing them of the decision and providing them analysis of it as soon as the decision is released. NGLTF will also be distributing information on local Supreme Response events and local contact names and numbers to media across the country.

People interested in mobilizing their community for a "Supreme Response" should contact NGLTF for a free "Supreme Response Action Kit" by calling or emailing Field Organizer Karen-Bullock-Jordan at (202) 332-6483 ext. 3206 or email at karenbj@ngltf.org.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is a progressive organization that has supported grassroots organizing and pioneered in national advocacy since 1973. Since its inception, NGLTF has been at the forefront of virtually every major initiative for lesbian and gay rights. In all its efforts, NGLTF helps to strengthen the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender movement at the state level while connecting these activities to a national vision for change

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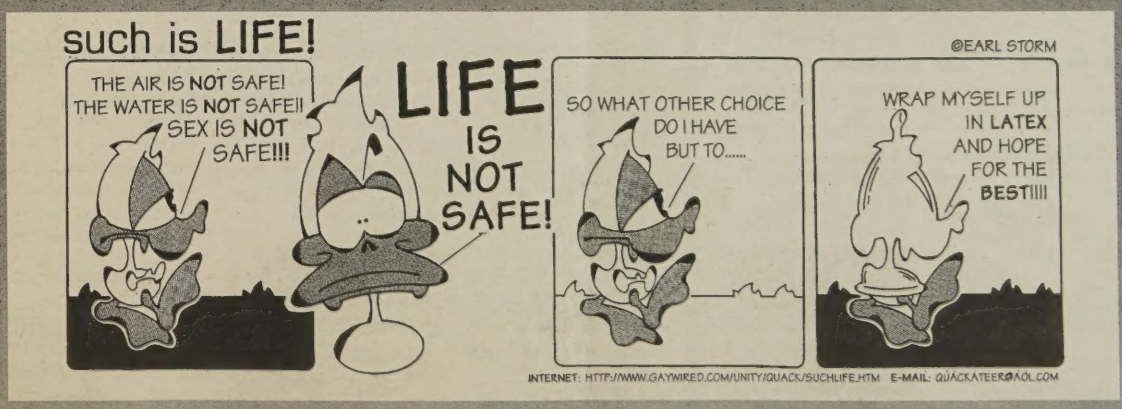
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Take Affirmative Action!!

If your organization would like to join others in fighting the "Repeal Affirmative Action" initiative, then join us for a mini-summit to talk about building a statewide grassroots campaign.

Saturday, May 11th, 10-4pm
at Warren United Methodist Church
Corner of 14th and Gilpin, Denver

Sponsored by the Take Affirmative Action Committee (TAAC)
If you have questions or would like more information please call Sonia at (303)893-2149. Please bring a brown bag lunch. TAAC will provide drinks.

Pride Center is looking for responsible, dependable adults to supervise Les/Bi/Gay youth during recreation Center hours, Fri & Sat 7:30 pmto 10:30 pm, Fri.-Sat. Call Regina at 578-3160. Background checks will be conducted.

If you want to do your part to fight for equality and justice then join us..... Become a

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Bigot Busters is a statewide effort to stop initiatives that promote hate and discrimination by building support for a "I won't sign" campaign. The training will cover the basics of petition intervention and building local support for education efforts.

WHEN: Saturday, May 11, 10-2
Where: Warren United Methodist Church
Corner of 14th and Gilpin, Denver

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Ground zero is an all volunteer non-profit organization. To survive we need and accept all help that is offered. There are many different volunteer positons available and no experience is necessary to participate... We believe your volunteer experience at Ground Zero will be self-fulfilling and beneficial to the community. Thank you for your support

Please print and fill in all information, Thank You.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: ( ) _____
When is the best time to contact you? _____

Please be specific in what days and times you are available to volunteer

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Below is a list of areas where there is an ongoing need for volunteers. Please circle any that you would like to become involved with.

Office Aid	Fundraiser	Information Distributor
Journalists	Telemarketer	Grant Writer
Word Processor	Media	Data Entry

If there are other areas of interest, or you have any qualifications of skills that you would like to offer please explain in this section.

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S-CAP UPDATE

Quilt Display highlights May activities

The display of a portion of the National AIDS Quilt, May 16, 17 and 18 at the Civic Auditorium highlights the month of May. Committee members have been working since January of 1995 to make this event possible. A special thank you to John Miller, Colette Berg and the many committee chairs for all their hard work and efforts. Additionally, a special thanks go out to all the Mom's who helped so many people prepare quilts for the display.

Interfaith Service kicks off Quilt Display

A special Interfaith Service, "Weaving the Threads of Life," will be presented May 15, 7 p.m., at Shove Chapel at Colorado College. The service will include the wonderful music of the Pikes Peak Ringers as well as a Gospel Group. A number of other special activities are scheduled. Please join us with this special remembrance to honor the "Names" Project Quilt Display.

ships include: lodging, all meals and more. If you know of someone that could take advantage of this offer, have them contact Mark McNeil at the S-CAP office at 578-9092. Additionally, if any organization would like to sponsor a client, $55.00 per client, please call Mark.

Committees continue to assist in the development of services

Currently there are several active committees working on HIV service needs. Committees include: Housing, Client Services, Education/Volunteer, and the Pueblo Advisory Committee. If you have an hour or two each month and would like to

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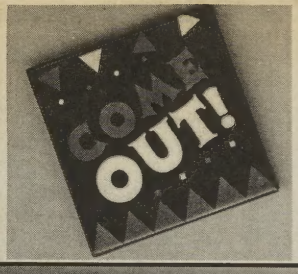
Interfaith Coalition has sponsorships for weekend retreat

The Interfaith Coalition is sponsoring a number of HIV+ individuals to a special retreat to be held at Shadow Cliff, CO., this summer. The weekend retreats provide the chance to spend time with other individuals impacted by the HIV virus. The sponsor-



The Crossword below is published with the gracious approval of Kathleen DeBold. It may be found in her book *WORD GAYMES: 101 puzzles with lesbian and gay themes*, Boston: Alyson Publications, Inc., 1993.

Kathleen is the Deputy Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund in Washington D. C. Her puzzles appear regularly in the *Washington Blade*, *Lambda Book Report* and other gay and lesbian publications throughout the country. The solution for this crossword will appear in the next *GZ NEWS*.

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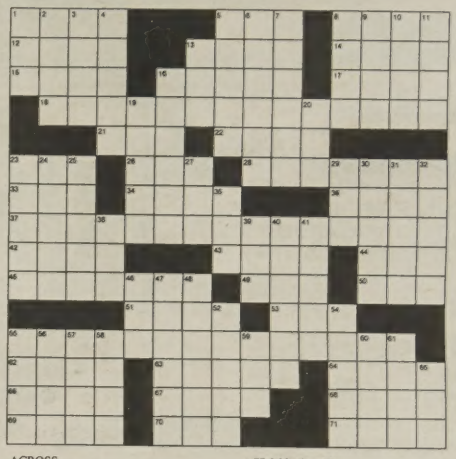


ACROSS

1. Willa Cather's *A ___ Lady*
5. Truckers' radios
8. Stop
12. Actress Nazimova
13. The Kinks' crossdressing hit
14. Traditional knowledge
15. Amanda Kyle Williams' ___-*Twelve*
16. Relating to eternity
17. ___ *domini*
18. E. M. Forster classic
21. Globe
22. *Silkwood* costar
23. Company that purchases computers for use in products they sell
26. Drag accessory
28. Everlasting
33. 41 to gay gladiators
34. Evils
36. Garbo flick, *Mata* ___
37. Edmund White novel, *The* _____ *Empty*

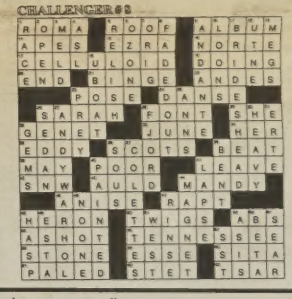
ACROSS (Cont'd)

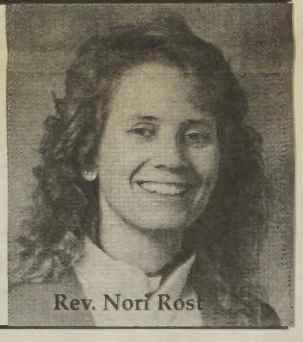
42. Back from P to K
43. Ninny
44. Time abbreviation
45. Michelle Parkerson collection, _____ *Rooms*
49. Ghostly greeting
50. French possessive
51. Explosion sound
53. French sea
55. Virginia Woolf work
62. Marilyn French novel, *The Women's* _____
63. Madrid mister
64. French sex, in the personals
66. Woodcutting tool
67. Poetic "befores"
68. Flat-topped, steep-sided hill
69. Ottoman governors
70. Big plane
71. Unexpected difficulty

DOWN

1. Insect secretion
2. Wide-mouthed pot
3. Aspersion
4. Cultural no-no
5. Shaped like a dunce cap
6. Noel Coward play, _____ *Spirit*
7. Small bag
8. Eastern European
9. *The Bluest Eye* author, Morrison
10. Sea eagle
11. *Fur Person* sound
13. Not high
16. Abnormal particles in the blood
19. Sphere of influence
20. *We Too* ___ *Drifting*
23. Cowboy classic, *The* _____ *Incident*
24. Edmund White's first novel, *Remembering* _____
25. Home of Lambda Passages Bookstore
27. T.V. alien
29. Greek letter
30. The _____ Project
31. Get up
32. After *Lesbian* and *Lavender*
35. U-boat
38. Final (abbr)
39. Stroke from Tilden
40. Tenant
41. Woodwinds
46. Computer Corp.
47. Hangman's knots
48. Low-level assistants
52. French impressionist
54. Melvin Dixon novel, *Vanishing* _____
55. Palestinian
56. Went on horseback
57. Slimy
58. Cockney castles
59. Nay votes
60. Little bird
61. Sally Ride's organization
65. Fall behind

Solution to last month's Puzzle





A MESSAGE FROM REV. NORI ROST Pastor The Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church

Last month, while caring for ill family members, I found myself awake in the early morning hours. Bored, I switched on the television and watched an intriguing infomercial about sunglasses. Just when I thought it couldn't get any better, the infomercial was followed by a talk show called Tempestt, the name of it's host.

The host, a young African-American woman who achieved a level of fame as one of the children on the Cosby Show, was interviewing people on different sides of the issue of interracial relationships. As guests she had a young African-American woman, a Latina, and an African- American couple who were all diametrically opposed to interracial relationships. On the side in favor of interracial relationships were two interracial couples (one a African-American man and white woman, and one an African-American woman and white man), and a single white woman.

As the show progressed and each panelist spoke their minds, I was amazed at the level of intolerance depicted by those who were against interracial relationships. The husband in the African-American couple said that interracial relationships were destroying black families and that the African-American man on stage with his white girlfriend just "wasn't in touch with his blackness". The Latina (who happened to be dating an Italian-American but said that was different because their skin color was similar) said that it wasn't fair for the children of interracial couples because they would be ridiculed. The single African-American woman said that the white women on stage were just "trying to be black."

While most people in the audience tended to side with the "pro" interracial relationship side, there were some who agreed with those who were against it and made statements such as "people should stick with their own races."

The white women on stage representing pro-interracial relationships also made some appalling comments that showed how they stereotyped the African-American male saying things such as "black men are nicer," "black men treat me better", etc.

Tempestt did a great job of pointing out this seemingly subconscious grouping of all African- American men into one lump, as well as confronting the prejudices displayed by the people who wanted to keep the races separate.

As I listened in stunned amazement it occurred to me that the arguments used by the separatists were hauntingly familiar. How many of us in the gay and lesbian community have heard that we are responsible for destroying the family? How many of us have been told that we have a stunted sexuality and we're not in touch with our true heterosexuality? And how many of us have been told we shouldn't have children because it wouldn't be fair to them and they would be ridiculed?

Even the stereotyping done by the pro-interracial relationship side reminded me of stereotyping of gay men as effeminate and lesbians as butch, --as well as other stereotypes--often spoken by well-meaning people who think they're firmly in our court.

As I continued to watch, I realized two things. One, probably most forms of bigotry and intolerance could be interchangeable with the same sentences being used, substituting the "evil group of the week." Homophobia is sexism is racism in another outfit. Second verse, same as first. How fitting that people who hate diversity can't even come up with new reasons to hate any particular group.

The second thing I realized is that with racism still so firmly entrenched in our society, how do we even stand a chance in combating any other form of intolerance. We have just begun to scratch the surface of the need for education, understanding, and teaching the next generation to treat all with dignity and respect.

When I think of all the many forms intolerance and bigotry take, when I think of all the "isms" that should be "wasms" I can get overwhelmed. But I must remember what Tempestt said at the close of her show. She said "People are people and there is little enough love in the world. If two people meet and fall in love, that should be cause for celebration, regardless of their race." Perhaps our language of acceptance can also be interchangeable so that we can say "if two people of the same gender meet and fall in love, that should be cause for celebration."

One thing is certain: regardless of our ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation, intolerance directed against any group affects us all and we must strive to end intolerance against all groups. Only then will we truly

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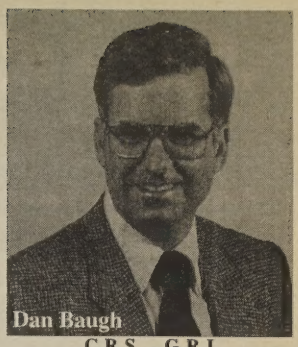

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Assist in the defense of human and civil rights

Seek the elimination of prejudice and discrimination

Lessen neighborhood tensions

Participate in and promote other civil rights and civil liberties activities

Congratulations to the Community Initiative

You have worked diligently and with vision for the last year to bring about the establishment of the Pikes Peak Human Relations Coalition. Shortly interviews will be complete and the Board will be announced. We endorse your efforts to bring about a more tolerant and caring community in which we all can live and work.

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1 Wednesday

*INSIDE OUT YOUTH GROUP
6PM PRIDE CENTER
*MCC LIVE CARE GROUP
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*QUARTER NITE H&S
*PPGLCC Exec. Com. Meeting 7:30

2 Thursday

*MCC LIVING CARE (Daytime)
*DIVERSITY CHORUS REHERSAL
* FUNDRAISER NITE H&S
*PPGLCC BINGO
*COUNTRY NITE True Colors

3 Friday

*GAY AA
*BENEFIT FOR RON KIRBY H&S

4 Saturday

*DIGNITY MASS Sacred Heart 7PM
*CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION
Pueblo Call Terry 549-7218
*ANNIVERSARY PARTY Penthouse
Summitmasters Beer Bust
All to benefit Ron Kirby
PFLAG BENEFIT SHOW H&S

5 Sunday

*CINCO DE MAYO PUEBLO 345-7218
*PUEBLO MCC (543-6466) 12:30 P
*COLO SPRNGS MCC 5P
*PPGLCC BOWLING 260-5987
*Penthouse Pool Tournament 3:30
*Penthouse All Eat Buffet $3 5-9pm
*CINCO DE MAYO SHOW H&S

6 Monday

*GAY AA
*SCAP AEROBICS 5:15
*PA2 MEET Barkman Lib. 7PM

7 Tuesday

*MCC LIVING CARE FELLWSHP 7 P

8 Wednesday

*SCAP Aerobics 5:30
* PFLAG New Parents 6:30P
Full meeting 7:30 Hist/Quilt Dr. J. Miller
*INSIDE OUT YOUTH GROUP
6PM PRIDE CENTER
*MCC LIVE CARE FELLOWSHIP
*50 CENTS DRAFT NITE True COLORS
*BEER BUST NITE CGRA Penthouse

9 Thursday

*MCC LIVING CARE (Daytime)
*DIVERSITY CHORUS REHERSAL
* FUNDRAISER NITE H&S
*PPGLCC BINGO
*LINE DANCING 8-9 H&S
*COUNTRY DANCING True Colors

10 Friday

"THEY'RE BACK!--Lyda Rose and
Tracy Diane Show H&S

11 Saturday

*PUEB MS WALK Info MATT 583-0437
*ALL MALE REVUE Penthouse
CGRA SHOW H&S

12 Sunday

*PUEBLO MCC (543-6466) 12:30 P
*COLO SPRNGS MCC 5P
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*Penthouse Pool Tournament 3:30
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13 Monday

*GAY AA
*SCAP AEROBICS 5:15P

14 Tuesday

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15 Wednesday

*SCAP Aerobics 5:30
*INSIDE OUT YOUTH GROUP
6PM PRIDE CENTER
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*Sumitmasters meet Penthous
*PPGLCC BOARD MEETING
SCAP INTERFAITH SERVICE Shove Ch. 7P

16 Thursday

WITNESS THE QUILT
Opening Ceremony 6pm
Viewing 6-9P

*MCC LIVING CARE (Daytime)
*DIVERSITY CHORUS REHERSAL
* FUNDRAISER NITE H&S
*PPGLCC BINGO
*LINE DANCING 8-9 H&S
*COUNTRY DANCING True Colors

17 Friday

WITNESS THE QUILT
Viewing 9A to 9P

*GAY AA
*CARMEN DEL RIO SHOW H&S

18 Saturday

WITNESS THE QUILT
Viewing 9A to 6P
Closing Ceremony 5P
*DIGNITY MASS Sacred Heart 7PM
*CARMEN DEL RIO SHOW H&S

Where Will You B On D-Day

19 Sunday

13TH An. Int'l AIDS Candlelight Mem.
*PUEBLO MCC (543-6466) 12:30 P
*COLO SPRNGS MCC 5P
*PPGLCC BOWLING 260-5987
*Penthouse Pool Tournament 3:30
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20 Monday

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21 Tuesday

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22 Wednesday

*SCAP Aerobics 5:30
*INSIDE OUT YOUTH GROUP
6PM PRIDE CENTER
*MCC LIVE CARE FELLOWSHIP
*50 CENTS DRAFT NITE True COLORS

23 Thursday

*BEER BUST NITE Penthouse
*MCC LIVING CARE (Daytime)
*DIVERSITY CHORUS REHERSAL
* FUNDRAISER NITE H&S
*PPGLCC BINGO

24 Friday

*LINE DANCING 8-9 H&S
*COUNTRY DANCING True Colors

25 Saturday

*GAY AA

26 Sunday

*COURT SHOW H&S
WHITE PARTY Penthouse
KRISTY MICHAELS SHOW H&S
*PUEBLO MCC (543-6466) 12:30 P

27 Monday

*COLO SPRNGS MCC 5P
*PPGLCC BOWLING 260-5987
*Penthouse Pool Tournament 3:30

28 Tuesday

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30 Thursday

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*PPGLCC BINGO

31 Sunday

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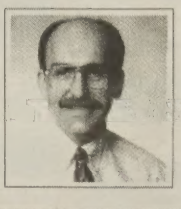

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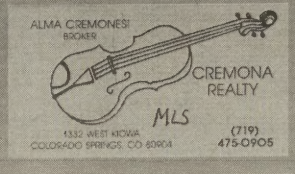

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